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1. DESPITE INFO CONTAINED REFTTEL, KUWAIT PRESS NOW REPORTS GOK FOREIGN MINISTER HAS ANNOUNCED PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE OF ALGERIA WILL VISIT KUWAIT AS SCHEDULED ON APRIL 5.

2. LOCAL PRESS APRIL 2 ALSO QUOTES FOREIGN MINISTER AS STATING "THE PRESIDENT OF CUBA, DR. FIDEL CASTRO, HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT KUWAIT, WHICH THE CUBAN PRESIDENT WILL UNDER-TAKE DURING THE COURSE OF A PROJECTED VISIT TO SOME OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING SYRIA, IRAQ AND THE PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN." NO DATE FOR PROPOSED VISIT MEN-
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TIONED.

3. IN STATEMENTS TO LOCAL MEDIA FOREIGN MINISTER DISCLOSED THAT HE HAD ENJOYED LENGTHY TALKS WITH CASTRO DURING RECENT VISIT TO CUBA, PARTICULARLY ON THE NEED TO AID TO THIRD-WORLD COUNTRIES, AND THAT HIS DISCUSSIONS IN BRAZIL, WHILE CUT SHORT DUE TO ASSASSINATION KING FAISAL, HAD BEEN FRUITFUL.

4. COMMENT: DECISION TO PROCEED WITH BOUMEDIENNE VISIT, DESPITE CANCELLATION THREE OTHER STATE VISITS DURING PERIOD OF OFFICIAL MOURNING FOR KING FAISAL, HAS INCREASED LOCAL SPECULATION THAT BOUMEDIENNE, IN FACT, MAY BE WILLING TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY WITH IRAQ ON KUWAIT/IRAQI BOUNDARY PROBLEM. WE SUSPECT PROPOSED VISIT CASTRO COULD RESULT IN DECISION BY TWO COUNTRIES TO EXCHANGE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES. BOTH VISITS WILL BE FOLLOWED CLOSELY AND THE DEPARTMENT ADVISED OF ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH COME TO EMBASSY'S ATTENTION.
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